GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7841
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
INTER-STATE COUNCIL
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council decided on April 4, 2000 to accept several recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission on the Centre-State relations;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations accepted/rejected and those on which no decision could be taken;

(c) whether no consensus was arrived at with regard to the recommendation on operation of Article 356; and

(d) if so, the steps since taken to bring about a consensus on the use of this Article ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the house.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.7841 FOR 16.5.2000 REGAR INTER-STATE COUNCIL

(a)&(b): The Standing Committee of the Inter-State Council, in its meeting held on 4th April, 2000, considered certain recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission relating to `Administrative Relations`,`Reservation of Bills`, `Financial Relations`, `Industries`, `Agriculture`, `Food and Civil Supplies` and `Trade, Commerce and Inter-Course within the Territory of India`.The recommendations of the Standing Committee in this regard will be considered by the Inter-State Council.The next meeting of the Inter-State Council is due to be held on 20th May, 2000.

(c)&(d): The recommendations of the Sarkaria Commission relating to article 356 of the Constitution of India were not included in the agenda for the meeting of the Standing Committee held on 4th April, 2000 and were, as such, not discussed on that day. However, article 356 has been a subject matter of discussion in the earlier meetings of the Standing Committee and the Inter-State Council.In the sixth meeting of the Standing Committee held on 19th December, 1998 the subject was remitted to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh and Finance Minister of West Bengal under the Convenorship of the Union Defence Minister.The matter was also discussed in the fifth meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 22nd January, 1999 in which it was decided that the Sub-Committee under the convenorship of the Union Defence Minister should continue deliberations to evolve a consensus. The Inter-State Council is yet to take a final view in the matter.